Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, prior to the first paragraph which begins on line 3, please insert the following:

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph which appears on page 1, line 3 and ends on line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The present invention relates to a closure cap for the filler neck of a container, in particular of a container for fuel or motor oil, for instance for motor vehicles[[,]] ~~as generically defined by the preamble to claim 1~~.

On page 1, prior to the second paragraph which begins on line 6 , please insert the following:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph which appears on page 1, line 6 and ends on line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In one such closure cap, known from German Patent DE 30 05 419 C2, for a fuel tank, ~~the~~ a grip is connected axially and in a manner fixed against relative rotation to ~~the~~ one part (sealing part) via a coaxial closing tube, about which closing tube ~~the other~~ another part (tightening part) is retained axially movably, counter to the action of a spring, in the form of two diametrically opposed locking lugs. A spacer sleeve is disposed between the one part and the other part. The one part carries the sealing ring, which in the locked state of the closure cap rests sealingly on the sealing face of the filler neck.

On page 2, prior to the paragraph which begins on line 5, please insert the following:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph which appears on page 2, line 5 and ends on line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The object of the present invention is therefore to ~~create~~ provide a closure cap for the filler neck of a container of the type defined at the outset which prevents friction between the closure cap sealing ring and the sealing face of the filler neck regardless of the use by the user and which is embodied more simply.

Please delete the paragraph which appears on page 2, lines 9 and 10.

Please replace the paragraph which appears on page 3, line 1 and ends on line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

An advantageous structural feature with regard to the one part provided with the rotation-locking connection and its mounting to the grip is obtained in that the one part (sealing part), provided with at least one rotation-locking connection element), is solidly connected to a radial flange which is retained axially immovably but rotatably in the grip ~~from the characteristics of claim 2~~.

Please replace the paragraph which appears on page 3, line 4 and ends on line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Advantageous features with regard to the other part, provided with the locking lugs, and to the connection of the two parts of the rotary lifting device are obtained in that the other part (tightening part), provided with the locking lugs, is embodied as a ring element and is disposed plunging axially partway into a ring element of the one part (sealing part), in that the two ring elements, on their regions plunging into one another, are provided with sliding-block elements, acting in the direction of rotation, in the form of at least one sliding-block path and at least one cam, and in that the one part (sealing part) and the other part (tightening part) are penetrated by a shaft, which is connected in a manner fixed against relative rotation to the grip on one end and to the other part (tightening part) on the other ~~from the characteristics of one of more of claims 3~~

~~through 5~~.

Please replace the paragraph which appears on page 3, line 7 and ends on line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Particularly for a closure cap made of plastic, advantageous features with regard to the structural embodiment of the relative rotatability of the two parts to one another are obtained in that the spring is disposed in the form of a compression spring between the other part (tightening part) and the shaft, in that the shaft is a cylindrical body, which is provided with a cover plate and whose open end, by means of axial slots engaging via ribs of the grip, forms a rotation-locking connection with the grip on the one hand, and whose closed end, by means of fingers axially protruding from the cover plate and engaging inner axial recesses of the other part (tightening part 18), forms a rotation-locking connection with the other part on the other hand; and in that the shaft enters into an axially acting detent connection with the one part (sealing part) ~~from the characteristics of one or more of claims 6 through 8~~.

Please replace the paragraph which appears on page 3, line 10 and ends on line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Since the locking lugs on the one hand and the rotation-locking connection elements on the other do not cooperate directly with one another, they can advantageously be embodied as of equal width, in accordance with the locking lugs of the other part (tightening part) and the rotation-locking connection elements of the one part (sealing part) each have approximately the same width in the circumferential direction ~~the characteristics of claim 9~~.

Please replace the paragraph which appears on page 3, line 15 and ends on line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Because the sealing ring is not subject to any motion friction whatever but instead exerts solely an axial motion on the sealing face of the filler neck, it is possible

according to the sealing ring being embodied as a molded part, with toothed sealing face regions optionally oriented toward the filler neck ~~the characteristics of claim 10 to embody it as a molded part~~.

Please replace the paragraph which appears on page 3, line 17 and ends on line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The invention also relates to an underpressure ventilation device, particularly on a closure cap ~~of as defined by 1~~ and in that the shaft on the outer circumference has a sealing ring disk, which is axially retained on the inner edge on the shaft and is placed on the outer edge against an axial sealing face on the one part (sealing part) with intrinsic tension ~~at least one of the following claims, as recited in the characteristics of claim 11~~.

Please replace the paragraph which appears on page 4, line 4 and ends on line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

An advantageous feature of the sealing ring disk is obtained in that the sealing ring disk is embodied as curved convexly toward the axial sealing face ~~from the characteristics of claim 12~~, so that a certain two-dimensional sealing action, although narrow, is achieved.

Please replace the paragraph which appears on page 4, line 7 and ends on line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

By the disposition and optionally adjustable axial bracing of the annular bead in that on the side of the sealing ring disk remote from the axial sealing face, an annular bead is disposed on the other part (tightening part), in a region between the inner and outer edges of the sealing ring disk, and in that the annular bead is disposed at a slight axial spacing from the applicable face region, oriented toward it, of the sealing ring disk ~~in accordance with the characteristics of claim 13 and/or claim 14~~, it is attained in a simple way that at a negative pressure in the container, the rubber seal comes free from

the sealing face on the annular edge by a hinging motion, and in that case the underpressure that trips the ventilation can be selected as a function of the location of the annular bead.

Please replace the paragraph which appears on page 4, line 13 and ends on line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The invention furthermore relates to a filler neck of a container, in particular a container for fuel or motor oil for motor vehicles, for instance, especially for use with a closure cap of a container, in particular of a container for fuel or motor oil, for instance for motor vehicles, in particular for use with a closure cap as having a sealing face surrounding the neck opening and having a closure base, which is disposed inside the neck opening and is axially offset relative to the sealing face, the closure base having preferably two diagonally disposed receiving slots, characterized in that the sealing face is formed by a flat or plane annular sealing face ~~as defined by claim 1 and optionally one of the following claims, in accordance with the preamble to claim 15~~.

Please replace the paragraph which appears on page 5, line 5 and ends on line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The object of the present invention is therefore to provide ~~create~~ a filler neck of a container of the type defined above that can be manufactured substantially more simply and thus considerably less expensively.

On page 5, please delete the paragraph which appears on line 8 and ends on line 9.

Please replace the paragraph which appears on page 5, line 10 and ends on line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In other words, a filler neck of this kind, or the end piece of a filler neck, can essentially be manufactured from arbitrary materials and in particular as a cast or

molded part, which is provided with a flat or plane annular sealing face or is provided by postmachining. ~~The characteristics of claim 16~~ a flat annular sealing face is several millimeters wide and may then be provided, so that as already mentioned above, a closure cap seal can be embodied as a molded part that acts two-dimensionally.

Please replace the paragraph which appears on page 5, line 16 and ends on line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In a further advantageous feature, the underside of the closure base is a flat or plane annular-segmental face, and the filler neck, at least in the region of the neck opening and of the closure base, is a cast or molded part. These ~~the characteristics of claim 17 and/or claim 18 are provided~~, which additionally leads to a further simplification of the filler neck, since the previously necessary sliding-block path can also be dispensed with, so that once again, a cast or molded part that need not be machined or needs only insignificant machining, can readily be used.

On page 6, prior to the paragraph which begins on line 1, please insert the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

On page 7, prior to the paragraph which begins on line 6, please insert the following:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS